

Standards Committee

Tuesday, 22 March 2011 at 7.00 pm Committee Room 4, Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley, HA9 9HD

Membership:

Members Independents: John Mann (Chair) Angela Ruotolo (Vice- Chair)	first alternates	second alternates
	Sola Afuape Sheila Darr	
Councillors: Gladbaum Beck Colwill	Long Leaman HB Patel	Harrison Lorber HM Patel

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Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

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1 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interests

Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, any relevant financial or other interest in the items on this agenda.

- 2 Minutes of the previous meeting 1
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3 Matters arising (if any)

4 Deputations (if any)

5 Financial and Procedural Rules Governing the Mayor's Charity 3 - 10 Appeal

This report outlines a new set of financial and procedural rules for governing the Mayor's Charity Appeal.

Ward Affected:	All Wards;	<i>Contact Officer</i> : Elly Cook, Head of Mayor and Member Development Office
		Tel: 020 8937 1158 elly.cook@brent.gov.uk

6 Localism Bill - proposed changes to the Standards Regime 11 - 24

This report details the provisions of the Localism Bill concerning standards in Local Authorities, the likely changes and their implications for Brent. The arrangements which the Bill proposes will allow local authorities to make their own decisions as to how to regulate the conduct of their members and proposes the end of the Body Standards for England. However, new criminal offences will be introduced, relating to failure of members to register or disclose interests and their participation in local authority business contrary to restrictions as set out in legislation.

Ward Affected:	All Wards;	Contact Officer: Fiona Ledden,
		Director of Legal and Procurement
		Tel: 020 8937 1292
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7 Annual Review of the Member Development Programme May 2010 - 25 - 32 April 2011

The purpose of this report is to review the Member Development Programme. The report outlines the activities undertaken by members since May 2010, including the induction programme following the elections in May 2010, and an analysis of the feedback received from members. The report also identifies constraints on the programme and consideration is given to future development of the programme and to additional training opportunities for members such as the e-learning package 'Modern Councillor'.

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8 Annual Work Programme 2011/12

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This report sets out the work of the Standards Committee over the past municipal year and also contains a proposed work programme for the committee for the forthcoming municipal year for 2011/12.

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9 Sub-Committee membership changes (if any)

10 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the committee will be agreed by the annual meeting of the Full Council in May 2011.

11 Any Other Urgent Business

Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Democratic Services Manager or his representative before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 64.

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Hall.

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